Ocean Exposures Photo Contest Rules

Please read this entire document—it contains vital information to ensure that your photo entry is valid.

Photographs must be entered into one of three categories, described below. If the subject-matter of your photo does not match the category in which it is entered, it may be disqualified by our judge. **Participants may submit no more than 5 photos.**

CATEGORIES

1) **Below the Surface:** shots may be taken under water or from the surface, but must depict life, objects or landforms beneath the surface.

2) **Coastal Wildlife:** from birds in the sky to fish in the sea, so long as it’s wild and there's an ocean in sight, your photo of it qualifies here.

3) **Working or Playing on the Ocean:** the focus here is on people who derive a livelihood or enjoy recreation on the ocean.

**Sea Huggers’ Choice:** All photos submitted by the close of the contest will be posted on Living Oceans’ social media for viewing by members of the public. The Sea Huggers' Choice award will go to the photo with the greatest number of “likes” as at midnight, October 31, 2023.

**SPONSOR**

*The Ocean Exposures Photo Contest* sponsor is Living Oceans Society, Suite #7 - 650 Clyde Avenue, West Vancouver, BC, Canada (“Sponsor” or “LOS”).

Living Oceans Society reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. Decisions of Living Oceans Society will be final. No purchase is necessary.

All photographers will be given photo credit. We will not sell your images. You must have full rights to publish the photographs submitted to the contest. By submitting your photos, you grant LOS the right to publish the images for LOS purposes in any format including on the LOS website and in LOS publications or presentations, such as newsletters, brochures, fundraising appeals, media kits, public service announcements, grant proposals, reports, awards, thank-you cards, displays, mailings and invitations, etc.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- To enter and be eligible to win, a person must be a legal resident of Canada (excluding Quebec) at the time of entry who has reached the age of majority in the jurisdiction in which he/she resides.
- Not an employee of the Sponsor or a member of any such employee’s immediate family (regardless of where they live) or persons with whom they are domiciled (whether related to the
employee or not). In these Rules, "immediate family" includes mother, father, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, partner or spouse.

- The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law.
- Internet access with sufficient bandwidth to upload an electronic photograph and a valid email account are required to enter to the Contest.

TERM
The 2023 Ocean Exposures Photo Contest begins July 31, 2023 and ends September 30, 2023. The winners will be announced on or before November 6, 2023. Information on how to enter and prizes form part of these official rules (“Official Rules”). By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to these Rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Rules. This is a skill-based contest and chance plays no part in the determination of winners.

PRIZES

There are 3 prize packages awarded in each of the 3 categories; plus a 'Sea Huggers' Choice Award'.

Below the Surface category:

- **First Prize** - A package valued at **$520.25**, including $150 cash donated by Spirit of the West Adventures; an inscribed award from Eclipse Awards; a necklace from Morning Moon; a book titled, “The New Fish” donated by Patagonia; a Cranked Energy Bar.

- **Second Prize** - A package valued at **$282.25**, including $75 cash donated by Spirit of the West Adventures; 2 cans of fish from Skipper Otto; a T-shirt and bracelet from Old Salty Store; a family pass to the Discovery Passage Aquarium; a $50 gift certificate from Massy Books; a book titled, “The New Fish” donated by Patagonia; a Cranked Energy Bar.

- **Third Prize** - A package valued at **$119.25**, including a family pass to the Discovery Passage Aquarium; an art print by Britt Buirs; tealight set from Honey Candles; a Cranked Energy Bar.

Coastal Wildlife category:

- **First Prize** - A package valued at **$569.24**, including an inscribed award from Eclipse Awards; a necklace by Morning Moon; a gift set from Vancouver Whale Watching including a gift certificate for an experience, a toque, and stickers; a Cranked Energy Bar.

- **Second Prize** - A package valued at **$281.24**, including a gift set from Vancouver Whale Watching including a gift certificate for an experience, a toque; 2 cans of fish from Skipper Otto; a book titled, a gift certificate from Iron Dog Books; a Cranked Energy Bar.

- **Third Prize** - A package valued at **$101.24**, including an art print by Britt Buirs; a gift set from Vancouver Whale Watching including a toque, and stickers; tealight set from Honey Candles; a Cranked Energy Bar.

Work and Play on the Ocean category:
• **First Prize** - A package valued at **$520.25**, including $150 cash donated by Spirit of the West Adventures; an inscribed award from Eclipse Awards; a necklace from Morning Moon; a book titled, “The New Fish” donated by Patagonia; a Cranked Energy Bar.

• **Second Prize** - A package valued at **$283.25**, including a $75 cash award donated by Spirit of the West Adventures; candle and earrings from Wyld Isle; 2 cans of fish from Skipper Otto; a gift certificate from Kidsbooks (Edgemont); a book titled, “The New Fish” donated by Patagonia; tealight set from Honey Candles; a Cranked Energy Bar.

• **Third Prize** - A package valued at **$113.25**; including an entry pass and art book from Audain Art Museum; a Wickaninnish Sterling Wave Ring from Pacific Alchemy; a Cranked Energy Bar.

**Sea Huggers' Choice Award:**

• A package valued at **$513.25** including an inscribed award from Eclipse Awards; a gift certificate from Zeal Optics; a necklace from Morning Moon; tealight set from Honey Candles; a Cranked Energy Bar.

Prize winner(s) will be solely responsible for any expense not explicitly included in the prize. Winner(s) will be contacted by Living Oceans with instructions on how to claim the prize. Prize(s) must be accepted as awarded and cannot be transferred, assigned, substituted or redeemed for cash, except at the sole discretion of Living Oceans. Any unused portion of a prize will be forfeited and have no cash value. Living Oceans reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to substitute a prize of equal or greater value if a prize (or any portion thereof) cannot be awarded for any reason.

**HOW TO ENTER**

Visit [https://livingoceans.org/action/ocean-exposures-photo-contest-2023](https://livingoceans.org/action/ocean-exposures-photo-contest-2023) (the "Contest Website").

1. Fill out the entry form.
2. Select the Category you wish to submit to.
3. Upload the photos you want to enter.

All photos and descriptions uploaded and entered into the Contest must comply with the "Photo Requirements" section of these Rules.

All entries must be received by no later than midnight, September 30, 2023. Your submission, including your photo, photo location, photo description and your name will be displayed on the Contest Website for the duration of the Contest Period and thereafter in the discretion of the Sponsor, unless it is removed by the Sponsor for non-compliance with these Rules.

**PHOTO REQUIREMENTS**

Entries are to be digital photographs and submitted electronically in jpeg, png or tiff file formats to the contest website. Content alteration of digital files is not acceptable, including combining multiple photos. Cropping of photos is permitted, tonal or colour corrections are acceptable. Borders, frames, text or other graphic treatments are not permitted.
ENTRIES AND IDENTIFICATION

- **Participants may submit no more than 5 photos.** Individuals can only win once per category.
- Photograph content must adhere to one of the three specified categories, or it will be disqualified.
- Criteria for judging include exposure, composition, uniqueness, creativity, technical proficiency and relevance to chosen theme.
- Photographs entered must not have been previously published. Photographs that have won any other contests or have been published in a magazine or newspaper (except online) are not eligible.
- Photos should be taken out in nature, not in an artificial environment such as an aquarium.
- Photos should not be created by artificial intelligence.
- Entrants must own all rights to the photographs submitted. As such, entrants hold LOS harmless from any breach of copyright.
- If the photograph contains any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant and/or which are subject to the right of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the photograph, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the photograph, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the photograph in the manner set forth in these Official Rules and Rights without additional compensation. In other words, you have the consent of anyone who is identifiable in your photo or the consent of their parent / guardian if they are minors.
- LOS reserves the right to disqualify entries with inappropriate content.

PUBLICATION

Winners' names and photographs will be published on [www.livingoceans.org](http://www.livingoceans.org). A selection of winning entries will also be published in the Fall 2023 issue of our newsletter, *Rising Tide*. LOS reserves the non-exclusive right to publish any entry on LOS web sites or print publications and/or use any entry in promotional and advertising materials and may make the images available to media outlets as components of media kits to promote LOS. Photos published by LOS will be credited to the photographer. LOS will not sell any images or provide them for any other commercial purpose or publications.

DEADLINE

All entries must be received prior to 11:59 pm PST, September 30, 2023. Upload entries through the [contest website](http://www.livingoceans.org).

JUDGING

The winners for each category will be selected by a judge. The winner of the Sea Huggers Choice will be selected by the general public. Winners will be notified by email ONLY by November 6, 2023. The decisions of the judge are final.
LOS is not responsible for any failure of the website during this contest. Nor is it responsible for any problems or technical malfunctions of computer online systems, servers, access providers, computer equipment, software or any email, online or internet entry lost due to technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or at any website or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to an entrant’s or any other person’s computer or property related to or resulting from playing or downloading any material in the promotion.

COPYRIGHT NOTICE
With regard to any photograph submitted to this contest, the entrant, or the owner of copyright in the photograph, retains copyright. By uploading or submitting any photograph to this contest, the entrant grants (or warrants that the owner of such materials expressly grants) LOS a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any LOS purpose, including, but not limited to advertising and promotional materials, its website, exhibition, and commercial products, including but not limited to LOS publications. LOS will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses. Entrants indicate their acceptance of the above conditions by submitting their photo.